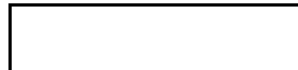


7 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director for Public Affairs

FROM:



Special Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: US News and World Report Assessment
of CIA Performance

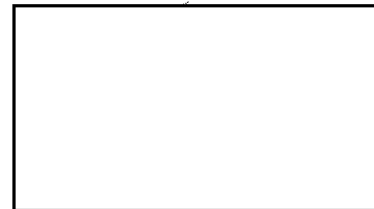
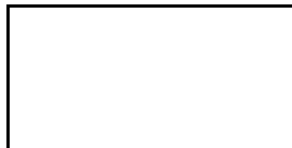
1. Carl Migdail advised me that US News and World Report is preparing a piece on Agency overall performance in light of firings, resignations, Iran. Migdail also indicated that he felt that Time and Newsweek (?) would also be doing something similar for the same reasons. He further asked my assessments of DCI, his goals, and his problems, all of which I answered brilliantly if I could do so in a positive vein.

2. Specifically, he asked for my comments on word he is receiving from his White House contacts that the quality of analysis coming out of the Agency is not good; that the DCI fired the wrong people in firing collectors; that he should have fired analysts; that they (analysts) have been there too long and have channel vision.

3. While Migdail did not hint of it, a meeting by a US News and World Report representative with the DCI or you would permit our input to this assessment.

4. Your nickel. I'll assist if you desire.

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